

# **Appendix 8.5-B6**

## **DEIS Comments, Public Meeting**

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**Comments:**

I think this project would be  
excellent for the State of Florida.  
It will improve tourism greatly  
giving tourist a chance access  
West Palm Beach and Orlando  
without the inconvenience of driving.  
It will also boost Florida  
on an economic level. I am  
hoping this project is on  
the run full speed ahead.

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**Comments:**

WE FEEL THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL SERIOUSLY  
STRENGTHEN THE STATE IN PROVIDING ENHANCED  
MOBILITY TO A COMMONLY USED COMMUTE IN  
FLORIDA. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT IT AND CANNOT  
WAIT TO USE IT ONCE IN PLACE. WE BELIEVE  
IT WILL ALSO BOOST THE ORLANDO & MIAMI ECONOMY  
BY PROVIDING A COST EFFECTIVE COMMUTE TO DISNEY  
AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS.

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All Aboard Florida initiative is offering south florida & ~~central~~ <sup>central</sup> florida the opportunity to travel throughout the state. this promotes intermodal diversity, thus removing vehicles from the road, and ultimately reducing potential crashes. In addition, overall air quality should significantly improve since anticipated congestion on roadways will diminish as a result of offering floridians the means of traveling on rails. this project will benefit all floridians in a traffic & mobility perspective.

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Overall in support of project. Has there been any consideration for constructing stations with ~~p~~ that will allow for future expansion of rail branching off the proposed stations? I don't expect for additional infrastructure ~~to~~ ~~be~~ built but ~~to~~ ~~out~~ but designing and constructing the stations in a way that will minimize economic impacts if future expansion does occur would be a ~~smart~~ beneficial component. Another concern I have is how will stations be designed to accommodate taxis, buses, etc to pick up <sup>drop off</sup> passengers arriving and departing? Will consideration should be taken to minimize impacts / delays to normal traffic flow near the stations.

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Comments:

I am supportive of this project. I would like to see the main extend to Jacksonville in the near future and possibly to Tallahassee.

The ability to now transport people in/around from two of our busiest destinations of the highest economic impact will benefit the entire state.

Our visitors industry will grow exponentially while allowing alternative transportation modes for people in our state.



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As a native of this area, who remembers taking the train (FEC) from FLL to MIA, I am looking forward to the beginning of service.

I appreciate the planning going into this project. It is important to have alternate forms of mass transit for our area.

It appears that the fares will be reasonable.

I hope that there can be close co-ordination between the cruise lines and AAF. Would be nice if trains could go into the Port to pick-up cruise passengers. The tracks do exist.

Looking forward to the beginning of service as mentioned above.



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This is a great project, and will improve long-distance transportation by providing more options for travelers.

More public information/outreach must be done to keep residents and businesses informed & educated on project details.

Area has heavy student / young professional traffic, but we did not see that demographic represented at the meeting.

More details on how the project impacts the Miami area was needed, including a map w/ station information.

Area where station will be located is not usually visited / safe at night. Focus on safety and marketing so people feel like hanging out at night will be needed. Most understand community to do this & be effective.

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Comments:

THIS IS A VERY WELCOME ADDITION TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IN FLORIDA. CONNECTING ORLANDO TO SOUTH FLORIDA, COMBINED THE LARGEST ECONOMIC AND TOURISTIC DRIVERS IN THE STATE MAKES A LOT OF SENSE, BOTH FOR VISITORS AND RESIDENTS.

I WOULD ENCOURAGE AAF TO CONSIDER OCCASIONAL SERVICE TO THE COUNTIES BETWEEN WPD AND ORLANDO SO THAT THEY STAND TO BENEFIT FROM THIS PROJECT AS WELL. EVEN A COUPLE OF "LOCAL" TRAINS, OFF-PEAK EACH DAY COULD MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE FOR THESE COMMUNITIES WITHOUT ADDING EXCESSIVE TRAVEL TIME FOR THROUGH-TRAVELERS.

FLORIDA NEEDS THIS PROJECT! PLEASE GIVE IT YOUR FOLLEST CONSIDERATION.

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I am looking forward to accessing  
rail from S. Florida to Central Florida.

My work requires travel to and from  
Miami - Ft Lauderdale, Orlando and  
parts of Northern Florida.

Having access to a rail option  
as I have used in Asia, Europe &  
the Americas will allow me to

be more productive & safer. Currently  
I have to drive which is inconvenient

otherwise - if I fly it is time consuming.

Additionally, with a rail option, I can  
take family with me whereas with  
a car or airplane - I am limited.

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**Comments:**

My family AND I ARE looking forward to  
seeing this project advance to the next phase.  
We have been looking forward to it for some time

Please select competent contractors to complete  
the project in a timely manner.

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Comments:

MY FAMILY AND I FULLY SUPPORT ALL ABOARD  
FLORIDA AND LOOK FORWARD TO IT  
BEING COMPLETED <sup>SOON</sup> ~~ON TIME~~, WE HOPE  
ALL ABOARD FLORIDA SELECTS CAPABLE  
CONTRACTORS THAT CAN DELIVER HIGH  
QUALITY WORK, BUILT SAFELY, AND  
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The construction industry is a huge supporter of this project. Regardless of the current planned steps going from Miami to Orlando, it will create jobs at all levels. AAF should contract with responsible contractors who will complete quality work.

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*This is a great investment in Florida's  
future and will be a benefit for  
generations to come.  
Keep this project on track.*

*Thank you!*

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Idea para el estado de la  
florida, dondole una oportunidad  
de Empleo a muchos compoines.  
y a personas en general, tambien  
en el aspecto turistico le da  
oportunidad a turistas a visitar  
Orlando y a muchos, personas  
que trabajan, en diferentes  
condados, conmutar de una  
manera rapida y segura  
y mas economica.



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**Comments:**

Great project to connect the State  
create jobs and wonderful economic  
impact to the surrounding areas

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I am in support of this project and believe it will ~~be an~~ provide economic growth to the areas where the stations are located and will provide a much needed link from Miami to Orlando which will offer the public ~~an~~ a ~~gr~~ nice alternative from driving.

This project can also be completed withought significantly impacting the environment, existing navigable waterways, or the public.

I am in full support of the project.

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**Comments:**

This is an ideal project to improve transportation in the State of Florida by reducing cars on the road.

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I would just ask that this be set up in an effective  
manner that assist and boost sales for the local  
economy.

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Comments:

THIS IS A GREAT IDEA!

AND ABOUT TIME.

CLEAR THE PATH.

LET'S THE TRAINS ROLL!

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Address	
email	Please provide your email address if you would like to receive notification when the FEIS is available  CCOBB@GRASSRIV.COM

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muy prominente para la poblacion

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**Comments:**

The project is expected to provide a major boost to the local economy. We need alternative transit to residents. Therefore this is viable and as a resident support the concept.

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**Comments:**

*I support all*

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*I support all Aboard Florida I  
know this will be good to get  
loss of the road.*

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One way to make this project better and to serve the needs of the communities it goes through is the addition of a trail. A trail can mitigate the negative affects to the environment, social justice and improve overall connectivity.

This should not be optional, but required.

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*I support this project 100%. It will stimulate the economy by creating thousands of jobs throughout Florida. It is something that most Floridians have been looking forward to for many years.*

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Comments:

THE High speed Concept is A GREAT IDEA. I'm MORE  
IMPRESSIONED THAT THE Project is USING AN EXISTING  
FACILITY (FEC). THIS IS A GOOD APPROACH TO INTEGRATE  
AN UNDER UTILIZED ASSET TO SERVE THE PUBLIC.

~~I S~~

I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

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I support the project in its entirety, ie, from Doral to Miami to Orlando International Airport.

I believe that alternatives, such as passenger rail, should be encouraged as a means of reducing congestion on the highways; air, noise, & other pollution associated with automobile traffic would also be reduced.

Individuals can also be productive while traveling on AAF instead of driving their individual vehicles.

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To: Whom this may concern.

I have live in overtown all 58 yrs and still live here raised my one and only child in overtown I have what changes ~~that we~~ come and go our residents were told one thing then we expected that but when the finish product was in place it was a lot different, ~~some~~

In a lot of ways maybe I think this is a good thing which can help the residents of overtown and people coming through.

People who have never lived in D.T. really don't know how it feels to be call (I 9 Life) Tower 4 Life) As a kid growing up I can remember my parents did not have

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Comments:

leave overtown for anything - I  
am **HOPING** that this new res  
toration project restore faith  
and hope to our community with  
the helps of its residents and parents  
IN OVERTOWN

Smile

The first overtown street festival  
in overtown was 3 day celebrational  
now it's only 1 bring overtown back  
to it glory day I feel it can be  
achieve

JOKE (T-shirts were sold. Slogan)  
ON T-shirt (I went overtown I was robbed  
and rape and still had **GOOD TIME**) JOKE  
Early  
Late  
7:05

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Comments:

I am very excited with this project. Florida ~~needs~~  
needs projects like this to relieve the congested  
traffic.  
Thank AAF for this venture.

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I support AAF for its convenience to future  
commutes. It is a fantastic idea.

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Comments:

I AM EXCITED THAT AAF IS ON THE HORIZON.  
THERE WILL FINALLY BE A VIABLE TRANSPORTATION  
ALTERNATIVE TO ORLANDO.

I FULLY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

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**Comments:**

I strongly believe this project will be a great boost to Florida. I will strongly help build jobs + have strong economic impact to the state. Its great for tourism + is a much needed alternative for tourism in bridging the gap from Miami to Orlando + parts in between.

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I believe this project will be advantageous to not only the residents of South/Central Florida, but also to the tourist industries of both locations. Provides an enjoyable alternative to our over burdened Turnpike & I95 Roadways. Ride to Orlando in the comfort of a train is very attractive.

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The All Aboard Florida Intercity  
Passenger Rail Project will benefit  
Florida several ways. It will reduce  
the amount of pollutants by increasing  
mass transportation and reducing the use  
of personal vehicles that release pollutants  
in the atmosphere. Second, it will create  
a large number of jobs in the region

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Comments:

I Support this project 100%.  
Not only would it stimulate the  
economy. yet will be a source of  
transportation that we would use  
regularly. Especially having  
family in the Orlando area.

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Comments:

As a proponent of public transportation, I am delighted to see this project take shape. Train travel is a beneficial alternative to crowded highways, improving air quality and allowing travelers the opportunity to be productive during transit.

I would hope that the alternative with the least negative impacts on wetlands and upland habitat would be selected, and that both the investors and the public make every effort to mitigate any impacts that occur.

Having experienced the pleasures of commuting and touring by train in other areas, I applaud this project and look forward to frequent use.

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**Comments:**

I am very interested about this project.  
I think it will be very beneficial for  
me and family since I am not very  
fond of driving and we usually like  
to go to Orlando for our family  
vacation once or twice a year.  
Also it would benefit the economy  
on our area.

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**Comments:**

I believe this project is wonderful. It will help the economy in tremendous ways. It not only provides jobs to thousands of people but will also have faster transportation to Orlando.

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Comments:

I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT BECAUSE OF ALL  
THE NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES IT WILL BRING  
TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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Comments:

THIS PROJECT WOULD BE GREAT FOR ALL OF  
FLORIDA AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND  
JOB RESOURCES. FLORIDA IS CURRENTLY  
ONE OF THE LARGEST POPULATIONS WITHIN  
THE UNITED STATES BUT HAS DRAMATIC  
LESS RAIL THAN OTHER MARKETS.

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Comments:

I am a city of Miami resident  
~~with~~ and head of household for a  
family of six. I think it is imperative  
that the AAF project proceed for the  
health & viability of our state. I am  
strongly in support of this initiative

Spencer Crowley  
38 SW 22nd Road  
Miami FL 33129

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Comments:

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MULTI-MODAL ASPECT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THIS PROJECT WILL REDUCE  
SINGLE-OCCUPANT VEHICLE TRIPS. THIS PROJECT WILL ALSO RESULT  
IN IMPROVED REGIONAL-TO-REGIONAL TRIP CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE SE  
FLORIDA REGION AND ULTIMATELY TO ORLANDO. ~~THESE ARE~~ I'M  
STRONGLY IN FAVOR AND TOTAL SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. PEOPLE  
WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
RAILROAD BUILT THIS STATE AND MANY OF THE CITIES ALONG THE  
ALIGNMENT WERE A RESULT OF THE RAILROAD BEING BUILT. THE  
RAILROAD WAS HERE FIRST. IN CONCLUSION, THIS PROJECT WILL BE  
AN INCREDIBLE ASSET TO NOT ONLY THE REGION BUT ALSO THE  
STATE, THIS WILL ALSO BE GREAT FOR TOURIST (INTERNATIONAL) ARRIVING  
IN EITHER MIAMI OR ORLANDO AND TRAVEL TO THE CITY, RESPECTIVELY.

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I'm in favor of alternate form of transportation  
And hope that this is a great success!!

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I do not think there is any environmental impact for this project. So many engineers and planners have worked hard to conclude those ~~findings~~ findings printed on your brochure.

My only concern is that it is going to be a waste of investment. Nobody in Florida is going to take this train. The image of having a car is convenience has been built into Floridians' brain already, thanks to so many TV commercials. People think only someone who cannot afford a car would take the train. Plus, the public transportation system sucks in Florida. Train scenarios are not safe and comfortable at all.

Hope my comments will be noted and recorded. It is the tax payer's money to hold these kind of meetings!!!

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Comments:

I'm All for it can't wait until  
it's Built I think it's a great  
idea.

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Comments:

I believe that the proposed project (train from Miami to Orlando) will be wonderful for all citizens. For example, including myself who has 2 younger siblings and a grandmother who enjoy <sup>going</sup> to ~~see~~ Disney every other month will help get from one place to another in a way that we will feel safe, comfortable and content with the future train. Crossing fingers that the proposed project (train) <sup>will</sup> come ~~to~~ true! ☺

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I am very much in support of this project. SE Florida has been somewhat separate from the northern population centers of the state for some time. This will provide an additional needed connection.

My suggestions would be to elevate the rail where possible, especially traversing (A) wetland areas and (B) areas at which you plan future high density development. Ground level roadbeds and rail beds are an impediment to the flow of people and commerce and tend to isolate areas, causing blight & neglect.

I'm also very supportive of the plan to provide "countdown" clocks at the marine-related rail bridges (eg New River) as well as internet info and phone "apps."

Lastly, I wish that a connection with the proposed Tri-Rail Coastal link be discussed and established early-on. This will enhance the ridership

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and some those not located at one of the four planned stations of AAF. *[Signature]*

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Comments:

I'm all for it.  
Can't wait till it's  
built.

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**Comments:**

I'm all for this project. It will bring good economical development to the state.

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**Comments:**

I am glad this project is taking place as it will create jobs, create alternate routes to driving and promote public mass transit.

I hope there is a bike trail parallel to the rail corridor. I'm a member of Rails to trails group on facebook and I hope that I'm able to ride my bike to Westpalm or even to Orlando.

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**Comments:**

Excellent presentation. AAF seems to have more than adequately addressed environmental, social, and cultural issues.

This project has my 100% support. Not since Henry Flagler brought his railroad to Miami has there been a more transformative project for Miami, South Florida, and indeed, the state of Florida.

My family has been in Miami since 1922 and this project will make a difference (positive) in Miami until 2122!

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Comments:

This is a very important project for the State of Florida. I am in favor of the project. This is a privately fund project that benefits the residence of Florida without major financial contribution from Florida's tax payers.

This project offers the tourist and Florida Residence. another alternative to get to and from Miami to the Central Region of our State.

This is a great example of how we can decongest our current roadway network without impacting our environment significantly. Please move forward with this project.

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**Comments:**

All Aboard Florida (AAF) is a much needed infrastructure project that I fully support. Florida's population continues to grow and will soon pass New York as the third most populous state in the U.S. Highways in the state are at or near capacity and travel by air has become inefficient. We need travel options, including mass transit which AAF offers.

I frequently travel from Miami to Orlando for business and vacation, and would take AAF as a viable option to using my personal vehicle or flying. Other major states (California) and regions (Northeast) in the U.S. have invested in similar passenger rail service; why shouldn't Florida?

Given the fact that most of the AAF Miami to Orlando route is within existing <sup>FEC</sup> rail R/W (Phase 1), it would seem that the investment level and impacts of this project are relatively minor when compared to the benefit it provides to travel and economy.

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I support the project from MIAMI TO ORLANDO.

I am a resident of Broward County.

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I like the idea of all aboard florida and I am hoping we see more of these projects in other states as well like california, Illinois, Texas and among others, I also like that it will be grade separated because it's better and safer, I hope that people will accept the idea that trains are safe, comfortable and reliable, I am an amtrak rider and I am a student its great to think about alternatives and I hope it can get done very soon. I hope to see this as a model that trains can do this and that way national train day can be a blast as well and to work with other railroads like Amtrak. I am curious on the prices of the train tickets so I will be able to travel to Orlando often. Please make this happen so other railroads would be inspired to succeed. Success.

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**Comments:**

I am excited about the project. I will  
bring alternative means of travel to the  
South/Central FLORIDA AREA.

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**Comments:**

I am very excited about this project. Looking forward to take this train to Orlando. Also, I really like the fact that this train will not have a negative impact to the environment b that it will generate thousands of new jobs.

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**Comments:**

*This project is badly needed to help  
the transportation industry. I  
fully support it!*

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Comments:

Great project for the state of Florida.  
A very large positive ~~economic~~ impact in the  
economy of the state, generating jobs and economic  
development. ~~It is~~ G. Reducing the volume  
of vehicle traveling will reduce the environmental  
impact of car in the air quality.  
We are in need of more public transportation,  
with sustainable plans.  
I can hardly wait to start using and  
enjoying intercity train!

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**Comments:**

Comments: This is vital project. Much needed in our community. Highly Anticipated

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BUSINESS AND PERSONAL TRIPS ABOUT TWICE A  
MONTH. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TRAIN AS  
AN ALTERNATIVE TO DRIVING OR FLYING.

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AS A FREQUENT USER OF EXISTING RAIL TO BOTH ORLANDO AND TAMPA - I WELCOME THE ADDITION OF A NEW, FASTER SERVICE TO ORLANDO. AMTRAK'S CURRENT SERVICE IS SLOW AND WITH A VERY LIMITED SCHEDULE WHICH IS OFTEN LATE. WITH A NEW ALL ABOARD FLORIDA SERVICE - MORE PEOPLE CAN MAKE IT TO ORLANDO WITHOUT HAVING TO USE AN ALREADY CONGESTED FLORIDA TURNPIKE.

NEW RAIL SERVICE WILL ALLOW BUSINESS TRAVELERS TO REACH ORLANDO FROM MIAMI AND VICE VERSE WITHOUT HAVING TO FLY OR DRIVE, AND WILL BENEFIT TOURISTS WHO MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH S. FLORIDA ROADWAYS.

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Comments:

As a young ~~person~~ professional, it's vital to me that the city I live in transform and transition into a hub of commerce and innovation. The idea of a centralized transportation station is the head-on necessity to create a world-class city. I want to be able to travel, live and work with ease and comfort. I believe Miami (especially downtown) needs to evolve into a thriving + social atmosphere. This train and its stations will do all of that. I am a huge supporter of this project and can not wait to be a passenger on the inaugural trip.

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Comments:

Great project to fulfill a transit need along an underutilized Rail Corridor. Having to use a car for trips along the East Coast & Orlando is wasteful! I ask that all cities, municipalities & Government agencies approve this project and to get trains (Passenger) rolling along these existing & new ROW alignments as soon as practical.

I know that the Boating Community represents a unique Challenge here in South Florida. I ask that all maritime interests work to provide efficient forms of transportation along the route.

Lastly, please provide additional Stations along the northernmost Eastern Corridor (Cocoa, St Lucie, Ft Pierce)

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**Comments:**

Great project that will help the development  
of the zone. It'll be good for lot of  
people.

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**Comments:**

This is a very critical project for Florida's citizens and visitors. This will open up opportunities for all of Florida not just along the corridor. This will help Florida take off once again with our ~~business~~ tourism industry.

I can't think of a single reason why this project should not happen immediately.

This is a fantastic improvement for the State of Florida.

MY VOTE IS YES - BUILD IT NOW!

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**Comments:**

IM REALLY EXCITED AND SUPPORTIVE OF THIS  
NEW PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM WOULD  
BE VERY CONVINENT FOR PASSENGERS TO TRAVEL FROM  
MIAMI TO ORLANDO. THE ANTICIPATED TRAVEL TIME IS  
CONSIDERABLE <sup>AND</sup> ~~AND~~ VERY CLOSE TO ~~THE~~ A CAR COMMUTE  
TRAVEL TIME. THERE IS SO MUCH UPSIDE TO THIS  
PROJECT FROM JOBS TO ECONOMIC BOOST, ~~AND~~ ALL THE  
COUNTIES FROM MIAMI TO ORLANDO WOULD REALLY  
BENEFIT FROM THIS PROJECT.

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I AGREE & SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALL ABOARD FLORIDA  
PHASE I & II. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT BRINGS  
NOT ONLY DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE SURROUNDINGS OF THE  
CORRIDOR BUT WILL ALSO AID <sup>IN</sup> THE PROXIMITY BETWEEN  
THE COUNTIES MAKING IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO EXPAND  
THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SCHOOL, WORK & LEISURE  
TO FURTHER LOCATIONS THAT ARE OTHERWISE HARD ~~TO~~ ~~GET~~ EXPENSIVE  
TO GET TO IN PARTICULAR VEHICLES. SO VISITORS OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
ALWAYS HAVE THE COMPLAINT OF A LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, A PROJECT  
LIKE AAF WILL CHANGE THAT. PUBLIC SERVICE REDUCES CARBON EMISSIONS  
<sup>THE HIGH QUANTITY OF</sup> FROM PARTICULAR VEHICLES THAT WE ARE SO FAMILIAR HERE IN SOUTH FLORIDA.  
MAJOR ~~CITIES~~ CITIES IN THE USA SUCH AS NEW YORK & BOSTON DEPEND  
ON RAIL TRANSPORTATION, THIS IS OUR NEXT STEP.  
ALTHOUGH CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS INCLUDE THE CONCERN OF THE DEMOLITION  
OF HISTORIC BRIDGES I BELIEVE THERE IS CULTURE & HISTORY SURROUNDING  
US ONLY BY THOSE WE SPEAK WITH, AS WE LIVE IN SUCH A DIVERSE LOCATION  
SITES SHOULD BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE & ECONOMY.

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Comments:

I FULLY SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT. THIS  
IMPROVEMENT MAKES USE OF EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY AND  
RESULTS IN MINIMUM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FOR A PROJECT OF  
THIS MAGNITUDE.

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT INTRODUCING PASSENGER TRAINS IN AN  
AREA THAT ALREADY PLAYS HOST TO LONGER, LOUDER FREIGHT TRAINS  
WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO ANY WILDLIFE THAT HAS ALREADY  
BECOME ACUSTOMED TO THIS PRESENCE.

FURTHER, I BELIEVE THAT IN AN AREA OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION  
SUCH AS SOUTH FLORIDA THE STATE SHOULD PURSUE AS MANY  
AVENUES AT REDUCING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND THE ACCOMPANYING  
POLLUTION.

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Comments:

- Fantastic Project it is a great opportunity  
for Residents in Miami. It is a  
Fast Access to North and Center  
Florida and a Motivation to increase  
the Tourism in the most beautiful  
sites of our country and state,  
it's a great opportunity for employ  
thousand of people and enjoy this  
good railway trip.

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Transportacion hacia Orlando, ya q facilita el  
Trabajo de mercancia y Transportacion del  
Personal, a Varios lugares, hay menos Contaminacion  
para la atmosfera, el medio Ambiente, ya q esta  
Transportacion es muy economica, Rapida y Segura  
este Proyecto Crea muchas fuentes de empleo  
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Comments:

To whom this may concern:  
I Juanita Fultz am a current  
resident of Overtown I am hoping that  
jobs and job training be made available  
to residents from the beginning to the  
end. We would not only like to be  
a part of working manual labor we  
as residents of Overtown would like  
to be consider for office work as  
well as being part of some board that  
considers ~~about~~ what is being  
done in our neighborhood and  
have our opinion's count not just  
listen and that be the end of it.

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Comments:

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Thanks!!

Get on board with ALL ABOARD!!

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**Comments:**

I support the project totally. I think  
is a great possibility to develop our  
state, a lot of people will get job  
from Miami to Orlando. Besides, as far  
as I concern, no impact to the environment  
with this project. iGo Ahead AAF!

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Comments:

*I support All Aboard Florida  
because it is going to be great  
for everybody.*

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**Comments:**

*I believe this project will be another connecting dot  
to Florida's Transportation System.*

*All of Florida will enjoy increase in tourism since  
it will make it economically feasible for tourists  
to travel from our Seaports to the Disney Parks*

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Comments:

I support this project because it will create very needed jobs during the construction and permanent operation of the system. This project will help Floridians better access new work and employment markets. Commuting will become easier, more efficient and more environmentally friendly. Tourism will increase inbetween S. Florida & Orlando. This project will link tourist markets in South Florida and Orlando. This project will reduce the States overall carbon footprint; and will improve traffic on our States expressways. This project will take existing underutilized infrastructure and will maximize its potential. I believe this project will not cost taxpayers any money.

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**Comments:**

I think that this project improve  
the transportation system of our  
state. For me, it's very important  
the connection between Orlando & Miami  
this project will provide with a fast  
and reliable service for the people  
of South Florida

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I support this Project because  
I can travel from Miami to Orlando  
while conducting business. It will  
also bring employment opportunities  
to our area.

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I support this project because it will bring job opportunities and it will not have environmental impact.

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- ① This is a home run for Southern Florida
- ② It connects the business communities of 4 of 6 top business centers in the state
- ③ It makes fast travel possible among the state's top ~~top~~ visitor destinations
- ④ It takes cars off the road - environmental benefit
- ⑤ It adds beautiful designs to downtown areas of Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach + stimulates transit oriented development
- ⑥ It brings billions of dollars in new work to our economy without disproportionate government spending

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The projects will benefit the Florida state in a tremendous way. It will be easier for tourist and. Jobs how! want to go north to Orlando will benefit all contractors involve in the project. plus. will be less pollution, less traffic and. go around. safer way to travel and. faster way to travel, excellent. Way for all kind of tourist to go to different places, up north of Miami.

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Comments:

AS SOMEONE WELL VERSED IN THE OPERATIONS OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND THE ALMOST GEO-METRIC GROWTH OF INCREASED TRAFFIC IN THE REGION, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE AAF PROJECT. IT WILL TAKE CARBS OFF THE ROAD, THEREBY REDUCING CONGESTION AND EMISSIONS. I DRIVE FROM MIAMI TO ORLANDO SEVERAL TIMES ANNUALLY ON BUSINESS AND WOULD BECOME A FAST, CLEAN AND EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE SUCH AS AAF. I UNDERSTAND THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROJECT MADE BY BOATING AND RECREATION INTERESTS, BUT BELIEVE SUCH CONCERNS TO BE EXAGGERATED AND CAPABLE OF BEING SUBSTANTIALLY MITIGATED. THE PROJECT FURTHER WILL BE A BOOST TO TOURISM THROUGHOUT SOUTH CENTRAL FLORIDA. STATION/HUB DEVELOPMENT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE URBAN CORES OF MIAMI, FT. LAUDERDALE AND WEST PALM BEACH.



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IT IS MY OPINION THAT THIS PROJECT  
IS WELL SUITED FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
AND WILL CREATE MUCH NEEDED JOBS WHILE  
OBSERVING ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL  
RECOURSE IMPACTS.

I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

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**Comments:**

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I would like to see a rail-with-trail approach used for the implementation of the line. This is a great opportunity to give safe exercise and commuting options to those who want to bike or run/walk. Miami-Dade is over-congested with vehicle traffic, the future of our cities will be dependent upon alternate means of travel as well as the health of future generations.

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Comments:

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TRAIL ALONGSIDE THE RAIL NETWORK WOULD  
HELP OFFSET SOME OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS  
OF THE PROJECT LIKE MORE PARKING SPACES  
MORE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND REDUCED GREEN  
SPACE.

INCLUDING A TRAIL ALONGSIDE THE RAIL WILL  
BOOST THE STATE'S TRAIL NETWORK, WHICH WILL  
IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WALKING AND  
BIKING AND HELP CONNECT NEIGHBORHOODS, BOOST  
LOCAL ECONOMIES AND BUILD HEALTHIER  
COMMUNITIES ALONG THE CORRIDOR

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Comments:

- S I F I stay in north Miami Beach Can I only get on from downtown miami.
- What will be the expected cost to get on the train.
- What is the estimated amount of the project.
- are there any bag places if a persons trip is 2 days.
- Will food be served on the trips.
- ~~how~~ <sup>how</sup> are their rest stops along the way.
- How long will it take ~~for~~ the train ~~to~~ go starts going all the way to pensacola.

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Comments:

~~What~~

WERE ALL ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED CO  
POSSIBLY INCREASE THE TOP SPEEDS IN  
ORLANDO AIRPORT (MCO) AND N-S CORRIDOR  
(WFB-MIAMI) SEGMENTS?

OVERALL VERY SUPPORTIVE OF INITIATIVE  
AS IT PROVIDES AN ALTERNATE MODE  
OF TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN TWO MOST  
HIGHLY VISIT LOCATIONS IN CENTRAL  
AND SOUTH FLORIDA.

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**Comments:**

TRAINRAIL Need Lower cost on  
rides and a faster travel system  
No one should be going through gateways  
with a pass on there neck to keep  
the area clear and SKEE keep  
people in a forward moving place were  
works can get to work faster  
cost should be \$1.50 a ride on  
one way thank you

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October 27, 2014

Federal Railroad Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 2059

**Re: Federal Railroad Administration's Finding of No Significant Impact for Miami-to-West Palm Beach segment – All Aboard Florida**

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the BASF (BASF) and the Miami-Dade Legislative committee, this is a project that the group strongly supports. For many years, this is the type of infrastructure project that City and County planners have been begging the private sector to do – and now, someone has stepped up to do it. This is an excellent step forward in Florida's history. The basis for their support is set forth below.

**Public Demand and Convenience -** Florida needs more transportation options, as we are poised to become third most populated state in the nation. With 18 million residents and over 95 million visitors each year, another convenient, well-priced transportation option is critically necessary.

**For business travelers,** they can stay productive in comfort during their trip, with state of the art Wi-Fi, power sources and other ways to stay engaged, which is not available on air travel. Just as fast as flying but easier and more convenient trip.

**For residents,** the wait time at crossings is less than 60 seconds, and has almost no negative effect on traffic flow. Taking the train is priced competitively against other transportation options offering an additional option that is less expensive for all residents. Finally, passenger trains are much lighter, and quicker than the freight trains that operate in the corridor.

**Economic Impact and Jobs -** While our state's economy has stabilized, the economy is still not robust: more jobs for Floridians are essential. More than 10,000 jobs on average per year are anticipated through rail line construction between 2014 and 2016, with more than 5,000 jobs on average per year after rail line construction is completed through 2021. The direct economic impact is estimated at \$6.4 billion to Florida's economy over the next eight years. Finally, it will generate about \$653 million in federal, state and local government tax revenue through 2021



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**Environmental Improvements and Fewer Cars on the Road** - Taking a train is faster and more convenient than driving, and will reduce the number of cars on the road, by approximately up to 3 million vehicles annually. This will inure to better air quality and less fossil fuels being emitted into the atmosphere.

**Funding - This is Already Paid for** - No state or federal grant money requested. Only private funds will be used for this multi-billion dollar project. Infrastructure is very costly and this is an unusual "first" - private funds will totally pay for - and operate - a portion of our nation's transportation system.

Based on the above reasons, the BASF urges the FRA to move this matter forward as expeditiously as possible. Thank you for your consideration of our organization's views.

Sincerely,



Ms. Truly Burton  
Executive Vice President and Government Affairs Director

Cc by e-mail: Chief Counsel and Government Affairs Offices, FRA

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Comments:

As the President & CEO of the Miami  
Dade Chamber focusing on Black,  
minority and women's business. It is  
imperative that opportunities are  
afforded to this group.

Luc Knowles

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Comments:

① I'm CONCERNED ABOUT THE NOISE + VIBRATION THAT THE TRAIN WILL MAKE.

② I'm CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS IN PARTICULAR ~~THE~~ YOUTH

③ I SUPPORT THE ~~ENVIRONMENT~~ SYSTEM BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY. ~~IT~~ IE CLEANER AIR ~~BECAUSE~~ LESS CARS ON THE ROAD.

IF THE ALABOARD ADDRESS COMMUNITY SAFETY, NOISE AND VIBRATION I'M ALL FOR IT.

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Annex  
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NE 59th Street crossing

Please continue to keep the  
NE 59th Street RR  
crossing open. Lemon City,  
Little River, Palm Grove,  
morningside and many  
other neighborhoods use  
this crossing every day.

Adjacent crossings at  
NE 54th Street and  
NE 61st and NE 62nd  
can get congested.

Please keep NE 59th Street  
crossing open.

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Thank you.

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RE: FEC Corridor

NE 54th St to NE 79/80th St

I live 2-3 blocks east of  
the FEC Corridor and  
sometimes between midnight  
and 1:00 am the train  
horns are very loud. Can  
the noise be reduced?

(I might be off on the exact  
time of the horns but that  
is approx.)

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Date: 10/28/14  
Name: MARK MATTERN C/O EDI  
Address: 3020 NE 32ND AVE. SUITE 110  
FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33308

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- ☒ Connecting Central and South Florida
- ☒ Air quality improvement by reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- ☒ Creation of thousands of jobs

List Additional comments for consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Support Card for All Aboard Florida

Date: 10/28/2014  
Name: Sandra Roy  
Address: 774 Heron Rd  
Weston, FL

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List Additional comments for consideration: \_\_\_\_\_  
Looking forward to this way to  
travel between Ft Lauderdale and the  
other locations. Long overdue.

\_\_\_\_\_

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### Support Card for All Aboard Florida

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Burnadette Norris Weeks  
Address: 401 NW 7th Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale FL  
33311

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Redevelopment  
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Date: 10/28/14  
Name: JIM ELLIS  
Address: 3020 NE 32ND AVE SUITE 110  
FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33308

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Comments: I do not support construction of the AAF Project. ~~Another~~ One concern I have about the All Aboard Florida project involves the natural resources and animals affected by construction and many additional trains. Some areas are already at a maximum stress level, especially in areas such as Sebastian, FL. The Sebastian River has manatees, dolphin, + alligator. Historic concerns: the state of Florida has very few historic artifacts, and the St. Sebastian River bridge replacement will remove a valuable piece of history. Furthermore, that river was recently rehabilitated and animals have begun to thrive again after great effort and expense. Construction of a new bridge will produce noise and vibrations for many months or years and produce great environmental stress to the area. There are also gopher tortoises literally next to the tracks in some areas and cannot handle such a huge increase in train traffic.

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Name	Donna Greene
Address	9981 Sebastian River Drive Micco, FL 32976
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If construction occurs near or on any waterways, the wildlife needs to be protected at all stages of construction. For example, if the St. Sebastian bridge is replaced, there should be construction only when the winter manatee season is over.

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① After looking at your considerations, it appears that you've addressed/grouped social considerations and economic benefits together yet "social" concerns are not detailed or elaborated upon on any panels. A concern would be that the actual impacts on social concerns, such as bicycling pathways & infrastructure, are not considered. From speaking with multiple representatives, it appears this is not a current consideration. The recommendation my group has is to incorporate the study, planning and design of multi-modal pathways and bicycle lanes/trails/pathways into the design, in case in the future there becomes funding available to build/install them as thousands of citizens and your potential patrons desire. Furthermore, the social tie-in is that this is a growing trend (b.

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Comments:

After discussing the historic considerations with staff, and after examining the "Cultural ~~Historical~~ <sup>Resources</sup> ~~Considerations~~", it appears the term Cultural should not be used and should instead ~~be~~ be "Historical" since the only considerations researched include historical contexts. There is no research or study examining the actual socio-cultural desires or habits/expectations from any communities. I was told this was not possible, however, I was also told that an in-depth community exploration occurred where stations would be located, via an economic analysis. A cultural/social-analysis that identifies community needs with respect to cultural/social values, such as bicycle and pedestrian-connectivity should be performed.

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It appears, after speaking with the representatives, that the public health is considered, only as it relates to environmental concerns. There is an immense amount of benefits, including economic, that can come from introducing / including pedestrian connectivity in the form of a multi-modal pathway along the rail/rail line. Incidental physical activity that would occur as a result of the incorporation of a bicycle / pedestrian / multi-modal pathway would benefit all users of the rail and increase the ability of more people to gain reasonable access to the rail/stations. By allowing bicycle / pedestrian commuters direct pathways to stations, along the rail-line, more customers are possible (increased ridership) and more healthy customers are a result.

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My concern is the eventual/potential  
sidelining the Passenger Service for  
Extended Freight Service, once the  
Panama Canal is completed.

Is this a seem to shore up and improve  
the Corridor for the pending Freight  
Traffic.

from either starting Point Miami or  
FtL. driving time would be the  
same and cheaper.

Foreign Visitors will not use this  
because they rent cars and can travel  
2000 miles without showing a passport  
or producing Papers for identification.  
That is No good for them.

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President of the Ft. Lauderdale Old  
Civic Improvement Assoc.

750 Homeowners on 10 Canals



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St. Sebastian River bridge.

If the bridge is replaced I would like the neighbors around the bridge to be allowed to comment on bridge design, since the nature of the 'Old Florida' bridge look needs to be maintained to keep our area feeling like the historic, small town it is.

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Comments:

I do not support construction of the All Aboard Florida project. I have many concerns. First, as a native Floridian I have watched the Tri rail system come online and struggle for ridership over many years. The problem is that Florida is a car-centric state. People want a car on both ends of their train ride, and our state does not have urban hubs that support train passenger customers on both ends of a ride. The people who most take public transport are those with the income to own cars, and they will not be taking pleasure rides between miami and orlando. Many tourists who arrive end up taking charter buses with guides to allow them to visit our small, charming waterfront communities. A non-stop train will not help them enjoy what they came to Florida for. A train called "The Fun Train" was attempted for a short while in Hollywood, FL and took people to Disney/orlando. That train failed quick

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Dear Mr. Winkle:

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**Traffic Congestion:** 32 passenger trains and 20 freight trains a day traveling through Fort Lauderdale will impact traffic, police, fire, school buses & ambulances from moving through our cities? The FEC tracks in Fort Lauderdale are very close to the main hospital, Broward General. How will emergency services be able to reach/deliver people to the hospital if the track is closed over 50 times each day?

When the FEC train bridge over the New River is up, permitting boats to pass, the street bridges will also be up, stopping vehicular traffic. The marine traffic on the river will be forced into specific time slots, causing traffic jams both on the river and the streets.

The DEIS does not address the time trains might stand in queue waiting for the drawbridges to open and close and how these standing trains might further impact railway crossings while they block these crossings during their wait, further impacting all of the above problems caused by increased train traffic.

**Damage to property values** on or near the tracks or the New River. Properties above the FEC Rail Bridge will have limited ocean access due to AAF's proposed frequent closings of the FEC Rail Bridge. One of the best selling/owning points of the properties in this area is that they have unlimited ocean access. AAF passenger trains and FEC freight trains will close the bridge 6.5 hours each day. This will negatively affect property values, property taxes will drop which will deplete the city's revenues. Emergency services, libraries and education will suffer. Noise and vibration from the trains will pose a problem for properties/businesses close to the tracks.

**Quiet Zones and Jobs:** Fort Lauderdale has 68 crossings which must be maintained by the city. It is estimated that a normal-sized railroad crossing with a quiet zone could cost \$200,000, while a wide crossing could cost \$600,000. Cities and their tax payers will pick up this tab. AAF suggest that the construction of the project will provide jobs and improve the economy. They are also likely aware that job creation for track construction is a transient thing and would only increase burden on infrastructure and taxpayers without any long term benefits. Additionally the marine industries located on St. Rd 84 will suffer significant business losses because the boats will have difficulty getting to their marinas due to frequent closings of an old, unreliable bridge. Jobs in this industry will be in jeopardy. Job loss in our area affects every person living in Fort Lauderdale.

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Additional Comments:

*As a property owner of 2 houses on the New River, the damage to property values and the impact on the Marine Industry are of great concern.*

Sincerely,

*Dianne Karnatz*

Please Print Your Name:

DIANNE KARNATZ

Date

*10/28/2014*  
*1333 CITRUS ISLE*  
*FT. LAUD. FL 33315*



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Additional Comments:

I am a boat owner & waterfront property owner. my property values will be damaged by frequent bridge closings.

Sincerely,



Please Print Your Name:

Elizabeth Felford

Blk Citrus Isle  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Date

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Additional Comments:

BOAT OWNER / WATERFRONT PROPERTY  
OWNER

Sincerely,

B. Fulford

Please Print Your Name:

BRIAN FULFORD

Date

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I Am stunned that the FDOT study Published in November 2009 has been totally ignored. Study concluded either a higher bridge or tunnel required if additional rail traffic should occur.

Speaking for my self, the addition of bridge closures at the New River in Fort Lauderdale will most certainly cause my property value to decrease and, more important, cause the loss of 57 full time jobs our company has provided to this community for the past 37 years.

I am available to discuss any time

George Cable

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The proposed New River R.R. Bridge  
closure (32) will have a Negative  
impact on all the Marine West of  
the bridge and will severely impact  
the entire marine industry

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What is the capacity of the New River Bridge? Specifically there is a mix speed of the rail + the bridge has a cycle time! The passenger trains must load & unload - freight must go south and go north. So at peak operating times what can the rails safely handle while allowing the bridge to be up and what amount of time would the bridge (New River) be up.

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Ward's Marine Electric is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation family-owned business since 1951. The marine industry is obviously important to our business but to the region as well. We support regional transportation efforts but MUST support commercial activity along the New River. Key issues are:

1. Must have a bridge tender at New River w/ operational control
2. The default position needs to be in the "up" position of the bridge
3. The bridge along the New River must be open a minimum of 40 minutes of every hour.

4. If there is a situation where the bridge will not be up over the New River a minimum of 40 min, there is a process

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and a consequence.

5. A formal "watch group" must report to USCG regularly.



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As a property owner with two New River frontage homes. I am concerned about damage to property values. We will have limited ocean access due to the frequent bridge closings amounting to 7 hours/d.

The 7 hours of bridge closures will cause great harm to the Marine Industry, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest employer in the county. There will be chaos and crowding at the train bridge with no place for boats to tie up should there be delays or trouble.

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Comments:

YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED ON THE USE OF SIMULATION SOFTWARE FOR NAVIGATION PURPOSES. HOWEVER THE SOFTWARE IS NOT ALLOWING A PROPER DEPICTION OF VESSEL TRAFFIC ON 2 POINTS: 1 - VESSELS CANNOT LINE UP IN CLOSE, STRAIGHT FORMATION AS DEPICTED (SIMILAR TO AUTOMOBILES AS SHOWN) DUE TO CURRENT, WIND, AND CONTROLLABILITY. 2 - THE LARGE VESSELS DEPICTED WERE NOT NEARLY AS LARGE AS THE VESSELS THAT PLAY THE NEW RIVER IN FORT LAUDERDALE. TWO LARGE VESSEL CAN NEVER PASS THROUGH THE RR BRIDGE AT THE SAME TIME, NOR CAN ONE LARGE VESSEL AND ONE SMALL VESSEL PASS TOGETHER. ADDITIONALLY, WHEN <sup>MULTIPLE</sup> LARGE VESSELS ARE FORCED TO WAIT THEY WILL REQUIRE MUCH MORE SPACE ON THE RIVER THAN DEPICTED. FOR EXAMPLE, IF FOUR LARGE VESSELS (100' PLUS) ARE FORCED TO LINE UP THEY WILL NEED UP TO  $\frac{1}{8}$  MILE IN THE NEW RIVER.

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Company name: International Crew Training, Inc.

We are a crew training company — the largest training company in the United States that trains only yacht crews. The superyacht has 3 departments — Interior (hospitality), Deck (yacht operations) and Engineering. We train crews for all 3 departments. ~~Without~~ Without crews to run these yachts, they will be unable to come to Fort Lauderdale, or anywhere else. These yachts represent billions of dollars of jobs and revenues to Fort Lauderdale & South Florida annually. The industry is growing. Yacht size is increasing. In order to accommodate this growth, we are <sup>making a huge commitment as well</sup> moving to much larger premises (tripling our size) in December 2014 to train more crew. We are currently east of the tracks on SE 10<sup>th</sup> Street. We are moving west of the tracks on Sunrise Blvd to the Community Redevelopment Area just west of the tracks. Most of our trainees either stay in housing on the east side of the tracks or on their yachts. If the bridge is open less than the requested 40 minutes per hour, ~~my~~ customers/trainees will have a major problem getting to/from our new facility! —→

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T. Linder  
J. J. Farmer  
COO



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Movable Bridge, + the Oracle King movements.  
Very compelling - however, the movable bridge  
marine traffic in the movable bridge video  
were hard to believe - That is, I didn't believe  
how the boats queued up + left me doubting  
that the delay findings were accurate.

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Recommend building a bridge across  
the New River that has at least  
a 25' vertical clearance. The  
addition of 32 trains across the  
New River is a recipe for disaster.

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Bridge closures are a real problem on the new river under normal circumstances. 3/4 of the boaters on the river don't know the rules of the road, don't know sound signals and aren't good boat handlers. The congestion will put a lot of vessels in danger. On top of those problems the current in the river can be dangerous. The estimates of closing times is unrealistic. Putting the new river bridge up & down is not being factored in.

Aside from boaters problems the east west traffic in Fort Lauderdale will be a mess. Not good for business or Tourism.

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Comments:

This EIS is a farce. It does not recognize the negative economic impacts of the train. Noise, traffic, and restrictions to boat navigation have not been addressed. The AAF assumes the most optimistic positions in all regards. The impact to the New River/boating community is most egregious. The study assumes a perfect (non-variable) train, a perfect bridge operation (no mechanical issues, no variability), and perfect boat operators in perfect weather conditions. An optimistic plan usually fails in practice.

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Comments:

As a single screw sailboat with limited maneuverability the frequent closing of the new Ruck Bridge causes great concern. Boats will not cautiously wait in line which will cause additional problems during closures.

The current bridge has just enough room for two boats to pass when the bridge opens up, with additional boats waiting everyone will process and turn up the spring. The opening needs to be wider.

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**Comments:**

ALL STATION MUST PROVIDE SUFFICIENT  
PARKING SPACES TO AVOID OVERFLOW INTO THE  
SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS.

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Comments:

Please make NW 4th Street a "no horn" crossing  
in Ft Lauderdale.

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Comments:

IF AND WHEN LOCAL TOWN STOPS ARE PROVIDED,  
EACH TOWN IS GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY  
TO EXPRESS THE NEED FOR SAFE AND  
SECURE PARKING, SHUTTLE SERVICE TO POPULAR  
SITES AND PROPERLY SUPPLIED STATIONS WITH  
TIMETABLES, TICKETING, BROCHURES HIGHLIGHTING  
EACH AREA.

HOW WILL A ~~DEAD~~ CHANGE IN OUR GOVERNOR  
SEAT AFFECT THIS PROJECT?

UNLESS TAKING THE TRAIN WILL SHORTEN  
TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN MIAMI AND W. PALM  
TO STATE, MOST CITIZENS WILL DRIVE.  
SINCE SPEEDS ARE LOWERED IN BROWARD  
FOR EXAMPLE WHY NOT ASSERT NEED FOR  
LOCAL STOPS OR PROVIDE LOCAL TRAINS  
JUST FOR LOWER COUNTIES? JUST AN IDEA.

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Comments:

Joseph Ranga  
Here are some of my concerns: (as I have two properties in Modelo Park along 4th Ave in Dania, - East side of track)

- Train horns going off between Midnight - 6am
- What happened to the signs that said no horns between 11pm-6am
- Which side of existing tracks will the new rails be installed
- What will be the vibration impact of second rails
- In Modelo Park, residential neighborhood, there should be a wall put up to help minimize noise & protection against chemical ~~leak~~ ~~cars~~ rail cars.
- Children crossing tracks, with a wall implemented they would be forced to use correct crossings, less accidents
- Car chases have lead across tracks, jumping tracks along 4th Ave, again with a wall, this would not be possible.

Ashley Ranga  
daughter of Joseph Ranga  
Sam Arden & Sean Murray laughed & made sly comment after my Father spoke with them. I did not appreciate this.

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Comments:

Very excited not to have to  
do that boring drive up north  
anymore.

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**Comments:**

More jobs and better transportation? Yes please.

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Comments:

I think this will be a great  
start to what will hopefully  
be a state wide speed train!

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**Comments:**

Very excited to FINALLY be  
having high speed trains in  
the state. Well overdue!

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Comments:

SFL needs connectivity!  
This will be great for boosting  
our tourist economy!

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Comments:

Better safety! I dislike  
driving alongside speedsters  
on the Turnpike and would  
love the opportunity for  
a stress-free commute from  
Miami to Orlando.

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Comments:

This will create more  
jobs in downtown Miami.  
through more tourist traffic,  
revitalizing an inner-core  
that most people don't  
visit today.

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Comments:

AAAF will bring alot of money  
into the Florida Economic

Also jobs will be created throughout  
the State

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**Comments:**

The All Aboard Florida rail project has my full support; helps reduce vehicle traffic, improves tourism, provides easy commute between Miami & Orlando.

I look forward to the day when All Aboard may stop in Boca Raton.

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Comments:

I am a proponent of this project.  
For this to be successful, the  
WPB - Orl leg must be built.  
If you only construct the MIA -  
WPB portion, success would be  
either curtailed or delayed until  
the proposed FEC line along S  
FL downtown corridors can be  
constructed. Much objection exists  
in the Stuart - Vero corridor about  
noise & rr crossing matters. I am  
certain that this is a huge  
issue w/ political consequences. Just  
 earmark \$ for upgrading tracks,  
let cities apply for quiet zones  
and let's get the ball rolling  
Good Luck!

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Comments:

All Aboard Florida brings great opportunity to the southern & central regions of Florida. It allows for easy, reliable, time-efficient & more environmentally friendly transportation. Whether for work, leisure, business, etc. it is a great way to get from point A to point B in a timely manner, as well as cost efficient. AAF provides opportunity - provides jobs, property needs, more tourists to the designated cities. It allows for growth in these cities to work towards supplying the typical needs for those that travel. AAF will also help tremendously with the <sup>car</sup> traffic. We at the Mercede Pilgrims Group look forward to the Railroad's progress in the development and one day soon to experience the positive changes that it brings. In Fort Lauderdale, being such a strong city, development and growth is

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always on our minds. For individuals and for the city. AAF will be a huge contributor to the growth of Fort Lauderdale, and all the other cities involved

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Comments:

My name is Richard Meralde and I am in favor of All Aboard Florida. The positive effects in regards to Environmental Impact alone is reason enough to proceed with this project.

Living in Fort Lauderdale, the Traffic has also become a major issue.

During the "season", the roadways are more like parking lots.

Also, the train is safe travel.

Today's society seems incapable of driving without multi-tasking. The stress of today's fast-paced world makes for people who think they can drive while texting, talking, eating, applying make-up and more. AAF = safe, economically

and environmentally correct travel. It

will create jobs as well.

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink.

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Comments:

I am for the project as Floridians need  
more choices in long distance Travel.  
Many other States along the East Coast have  
multiple options for travel. Florida, with the  
increase in it's population, needs to get  
ready now for the future. This is one  
additional mode of Travel that will connect  
several major cities. The sooner this project  
is completed, the better.

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Comments:

Miguel Pilgram of the Pilgram Group.  
In support of the All Aboard Florida project  
we are excited and anxious for such a beneficial  
railway/transit system that we feel will benefit  
the State of Florida, Downtown FL as well  
as local and statewide tourism. Florida has  
needed a mass transit system for years and  
now has the opportunity to implement a  
system that future generations will be  
positively impacted. Yes we are excited and  
support it 100%.

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Comments:

I think the AAF project would be a great job producer and ease traffic throughout South Florida.

It seems like a lot of research has been done on the project and no tax payer money is on the line if it does not work as well as they hope.

I think the ability to travel around south Florida easily would be a great addition.

21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure.

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I am for this project. I enjoy going to Orlando from the Miami area and it will be great to have another option to get there.

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**Comments:**

We in the neighborhood group I am a part of really like the further development that this brings to our neighborhood. We also appreciate the additional greenway/bike path opportunities we can partner with the company on at a neighborhood/city/County level. We really look forward to this opportunity and the awesome awareness this company places on they work w/ the marine industry as well related to this work.

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I think the All aboard Florida project will be very beneficial to south florida in providing more efficient transportation for it's residents, tourists, college students and all professionals who commute between the downtown cities.

I witness first hand the traffic ~~and~~ problems in Miami and downtown Ft. Lauderdale on a regular basis. I believe this train addition will ~~be~~ provide sufficient relief to the congestion so many have to deal with in these cities.

Amanda Mercedes  
(561) 926-2152

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I'm ~~thorough~~ thoroughly impressed with the way ~~All Board~~ the All Aboard team has handled ~~the~~ informing the public on how the project ~~will~~ will impact Florida as a whole. Working on a transparency platform is the best way to address any concerns the general public may have, do well ease the transition & development of this project. I'm all for the economic impact in jobs & in tourism the project will have to our state of Florida, & applaud any organization, in this case, All Aboard, that supports these ~~endeavor~~ endeavors.

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Comments:

I am so excited about the All Aboard Florida project & can't wait ~~to see it~~ buy my ticket! This is exactly what the State of Florida needs. The benefits are endless!!! More jobs, economic benefits, less cars on the road - this project will set the standard for transportation in our country. This project is the future. Privately funded, I can't think of any negatives. I am All Aboard!!! My family and I will finally be able to travel to Miami & Orlando without spending hours in our cars. There are so many environmental benefits to this project!

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**Comments:**

Nice presentation. very costly looking visual aids. Some representatives provided valuable information. Others were not able to answer my questions or answered them incorrectly. The project is a good one in theory as long as it is implemented correctly. Thanks for having us!

Some additional Notes:

\*implementing a wall around neighborhoods the trains passed through.

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**Comments:**

I feel that the AAF project will benefit Florida.  
It will bring jobs to the area, boosting the  
economy. Daily commuting time would decrease,  
no more waiting in traffic to get home.  
I am in favor of the project.

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Comments:

My name is Susan Mwend. I am in  
favor of All Aboard Florida.  
In today's fast-paced world, people  
are more focused on texting, drinking  
texting and talking than they are  
on driving.  
The train will be safe, economical  
travel that also favors the environment.  
More and more people are coming to  
Florida for the winter months and  
it is anticipated that they will  
continue to escalate. Really... how  
many more lanes can we add to I-95?

*Susan Mwend*

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Comments:

This is truly a transformational project that will ~~also~~ benefit Floridians in many ways, for many years. The jobs it will create, the benefits to the environment by removing cars from the road, and the development around the project's stations are just a few of the benefits of this project. The project's developers appear to have mitigation plans regarding any potential adverse impacts. Florida needs this project and I wholeheartedly support it.

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**Comments:**

I support this project as an excellent transit alternative  
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tourists to Florida.

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Comments:

My Company, Smart Destinations, Inc.  
markets Florida as a tourist destination  
to visitors from around the world. A rail  
project connecting Orlando and Miami  
will greatly improve our ability to  
encourage our customers to visit  
multiple destinations in Florida,  
extending their stay and increasing  
their average spend in the state.  
We look forward to promoting a  
new kind of Florida experience.

Regards,

Cecilia Dahl

President

Smart Destinations, Inc.

Boston, MA

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WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PROJECT FULLY  
IMPLEMENTED - ALL THE WAY TO ORLANDO  
AND IN FUTURE TO TAMPAH/FLORIDA WEST COAST

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Name	<i>Tim Ott</i>
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I am a supporter because I believe 1. there will always be pros & cons 2. nothing is perfect 3. we need to start somewhere & 4<sup>th</sup> to quote Einstein "to keep doing the same thing over & over & expect different results is the definition of "crazy". I believe AAF has taken a missed opportunity (the proposed state/fed project 5 to 6 yrs ago) and turned it into what could be a financial WIN/WIN without risk to the tax payers. I am impressed with their willingness to go above & beyond i.e. ADA requirements significantly surpassed at a considerable cost to them. I <sup>WAS</sup> CONCERNED about 1. "↑ bridge time presenting that passage & raised as being the demise of the Ft. Land. boating industry" I don't obtain this date has discounted this rumor. 2. The proposed rail additions to the track are causing even more delay time to the barge - this was explained as a project that would require an extensive process to approve & the possibility that it would require construction of new bridges which ..... would solve all of the barge problems.

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I feel uncomfortable hearing that there are people that believe the FRA, the Environmental Protection Agency are manipulating numbers & not being truthful. I don't we can't believe their information, who can we believe?



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AS A RESIDENT OF FLORIDA FOR THE  
LAST 25 YEARS, TRANSPORTATION  
INFRASTRUCTURE IS ONE OF THE MOST  
CONSTRICTIVE PUBLIC WORKS ISSUE  
STANDING IN THE WAY OF COMMERCIAL  
GROWTH AND TOURISM.

I BENEFIT FROM BOTH, AS A SMALL  
BUSINESS OWNER AND RESIDENT.

I FULLY SUPPORT THIS PROJECT!

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**Comments:**

SEEMS LIKE A GREAT PROGRAM.

I CAN'T WAIT TO RIDE.

I HOPE AAF PICKS A CONTRACTOR THAT  
HAS THE CAPABILITIES TO COMPLETE ON  
TIME.

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I THINK THIS A GREAT PROJECT FOR  
THE STATE AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF  
FLORIDA. AS A MATTER OF FACT  
THIS SHOULD BE UPGRADED TO A  
HIGH SPEED SYSTEM TO BE COMPE  
TITIVE LIKE OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTR  
LIKE FRANCE, CHINA, JAPAN, ETC.  
THIS WILL ~~USE~~ BE USED NOT ONLY BY  
LOCAL CITIZEN BUT ALSO BY TOURIST.  
THIS WILL KEEP CARS FROM THE EXIS  
TING HIGHWAY SYSTEM. I AM ALL IN  
SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT.

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THANK YOU

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**Comments:**

*This project gets my support for the following reason*

- 1. Promotes public transportation*
- 2. Saves fuel and improves air quality*
- 3. Provides additional employment during construction and operation, and best of all*
- 4. Does not depend on public financing.*

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IT IS WONDERFUL THAT ANOTHER MODE OF TRANSPORTATION  
WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SOUTH FLORIDA RESIDENTS. I AM ALWAYS  
A PROponent FOR MEASURES WHICH ASSIST IN CURBING  
CLIMATE CHANGE. MY MAIN CONCERN IS THAT AAF IS NOT  
A TRUE COMMUTER OPTION FOR RESIDENTS LOOKING TO  
TRAVEL SHORTER DISTANCES BETWEEN MIAMI, FORT LAUDERDALE,  
AND WEST PALM BEACH. I WAS EXCITED TO FIND OUT THAT  
TIZI-RAIL WAS DEVELOPING THE COASTAL LINK HOWEVER  
IT IS NOT SEEMING THE SUCCESS OF AAF. I AM A SUPPORTER  
OF AAF, HOWEVER THERE IS A YEARNING BY MANY IN  
THE DOWNTOWNS TO HAVE A TRUE COMMUTER OPTION.  
AAF SHOULD PROMOTE MORE INTER AND INTRA CITY TRAIN  
TRAVEL EITHER IN-HOUSE OR BY SUPPORTING THOSE  
OTHER AGENCIES. IN THE END SOUTH FLORIDA NEEDS  
TO CURB PERSONAL VEHICLE USE TO REDUCE GHG'S  
AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE. I HOPE THIS MESSAGE  
ASSISTS WITH THOSE NEEDS.

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**Comments:**

As a resident of Broward County, I support this project and I believe that there will be short- and long-term benefits including economic and environmental benefits and it will also promote use of transit (Rail) as an alternative to cars.

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**Comments:**

IN MY OPINION, THE CURRENT PATH AS SHOWN SHOULD  
HAVE MINIMAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. A MAJOR HIGHWAY  
IS ALREADY A TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR.

ADDITIONALLY, THIS PROVIDES A MUCH NEEDED  
ALTERNATE TO JOIN THE COMMERCIAL & MULTIPLE  
MUNICIPALITIES. EVERYBODY BENEFITS.

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**Comments:**

Beneficial transportation that  
will impact the community  
positively

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**Comments:**

100% in support of All Aboard FL!!!

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Comments:

Very Supportative of this Project. I live in close proximity to the FEC Near 13<sup>th</sup> St in Fort Lauderdale and I am very excited for the economic development possibilities downtown. I am also supportative to have a great service so close to my home. I have lots of family in Orlando + will be a user of this system. Please consider additional infill stations along the project alignment + some expansion to Tampa + Jacksonville.

The positives of this Project far outweigh the noise near my home. Thank you.

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BEEN AHEAD TO A LONG TIME. THIS TYPE OF  
TRANSPORTATION WILL HELP FLORIDA ENTER  
INTERMODAL TYPE SERVICE AND HELP TO  
SAVE RESOURCES. I LOOK FORWARD TO  
THE FIRST TRIP FROM FT. LAUD TO ORLANDO.

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THERE IS TOO MUCH GRIDLOCK ON OUR  
ROADS AND AS ~~AT~~ A NORTH/SOUTH  
URBAN AREA, WE NEED TRANSPORTATION  
THAT WILL SUPPORT GROWTH.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. H. H.', written over the lined paper.

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Comments:

I am very much in support of this project. South Florida, especially Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach, are in need of a convenient, reliable and timely connection to Orlando and hopefully the Tampa Bay area. The proposed service is much needed since BWA eliminated its FL-OLA service and has continued to reduce service to TPA. ~~As~~ As a regular traveler to Orlando for both business and personal reasons, the proposed service would be a much utilized alternative to travel by car and also offer a more environmentally friendly choice.

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Comments:

I Support the Privately Funded Project  
THAT is Helping the TRAVELING Public.  
this will be a POSITIVE INFLUENCE  
ON THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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Comments:

I AM IN SUPPORT of the All Aboard Florida project, With the populations of South Florida and Metro Orlando being at approximately 8 million, we need the transit options AAF will provide. It will also help our tourism industry which is so vital to our state. I believe the All Aboard Florida project will be completed in a first-class manner that will help all the residents of our state. THANK you for considering supporting this project and helping our state's economy for years to come.

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Comments:

Great project to spur economic  
development for the Region as long  
as it doesn't hinder the marine  
industry's operation on the New  
River.

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Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT "ALL ABOARD FLORIDA". WE  
NEED MORE AND BETTER RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE ALL  
THROUGH FLORIDA AND THIS REPRESENTS A WONDERFUL START.  
INTERSTATE 95 IS ALREADY AS WIDE AS 12 LANES AT SOME  
LOCATIONS IN BROWARD COUNTY, HOW MUCH MORE RAIL DO  
WE NEED AND AT WHAT COST.  
THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS PROJECT MAKE NO SENSE  
AT ALL. WE ALREADY HAVE THE RAIL A DOUBLE TRACK  
BASIC LINE WITH OVER 60 TRAINS A DAY AT SPEEDS  
OVER 70 MPH AND THEY HAVE VERY LITTLE PROBLEMS.  
THIS PROJECT HAS GREAT POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT THE  
ENTIRE STATE OF FLORIDA AND NOT JUST MIAMI, EAST  
LADELBOROUGH AND ORLANDO AND I WISH IT EVERY  
SUCCESS.

And W. W. W.

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I like the fact it will be great for local  
business to open up shop, it will provide  
housing and other needs to the community as  
a young male (22) I would enjoy this ride  
to the Florida hot spots. It would make  
me consider owning a car when  
I can walk to work and could use  
the train to WPB/Miami. I Want  
This Project to Proceed! We Need This

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